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Letter dated 6 April 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Israel to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I would like to draw your attention to a grave act of terrorism which was perpetrated today in Israel by Palestinian terrorists. Initial reports have revealed the following:

(a) Shortly after noon local time, a passenger bus travelling the Afula-Migdal Ha'emek line pulled into a busstop in downtown Afula in front of the Cultural Center. A booby-trapped car exploded next to the bus, killing eight people and wounding more than fifty;

(b) The terrorist organization Hamas claimed responsibility for this attack. An anonymous caller on behalf of Hamas stated that 175 kilograms of explosives were used;

(c) Hamas has also threatened to carry out more terrorist acts of this kind.

This act is yet another example of the terrorism that is continually aimed at Israel. The terrorists who perpetrate these acts are attacking not only Jews and Arabs, but the peace process itself, which is their main target.

We call upon all Member States to condemn this crime and to join Israel and the other parties to the negotiations in advancing the peace process.

Despite the pain and sorrow, Israel will not be swayed by such acts of violence from its commitment to the peace process, nor will it allow such terrorist attacks to delay the peace talks.

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I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 146 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

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